IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of: Hitoshi Fujimiya et al. Serial No.: 10/761885 Filed: January 21, 2004 FOR: COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR GRAPHICALLY DISPLAYING GENETIC LINKAGE UNBALANCES, AND THE METHOD THEREOF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.